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Dear Indiana Trauma System Stakeholder:

On April 2, the Indiana State Department of Health Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention staff will hold a Trauma Educational Session in South Bend at the EMS Education Building, 403 East Madison Street, South Bend, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm, to gather input from Hoosiers as we continue to develop and implement a statewide trauma system. The April 2 event in South Bend is the first stop on a Statewide Trauma Education Tour that will take us to all 10 Indiana public health preparedness districts.

Last year, the ISDH Trauma and Injury Prevention staff toured all 10 preparedness districts and gathered information about what the system needed. We want to hear from you again this year, and we think we have some exciting new developments to share, including a new EMS Registry that will be able to offer EMS providers data that they can use to improve their operations.

Trauma system stakeholders are a key part of the trauma education tour, as we want to not only hear from you, but also ask you to join us in our efforts. At each stop on our education tour we would like local stakeholders, including hospitals, emergency medical services, fire departments, county health departments, rehab facilities and Area Agencies on Aging to join us with displays and information on how your organizations help prevent injuries and assist in trauma when it happens. We will also ask your help in promoting the trauma education tour dates to your membership and through your membership to the public.

Continuing education credits (3) are available for all EMS classifications – First Responders, Emergency Medical Responder, EMT-Basic, EMT-Basic Advance, EMT-Intermediate, Advanced EMT and Paramedic. Continuing education credits are also available for coroners, deputy coroners and social workers. ISDH Trauma program staff will have certificates of completion to present to EMS providers, coroners, and social workers who attend Education Tour sessions.

We also ask that you share this invitation with other agencies or groups that you believe would be interested in participating or learning more about the Trauma Education Session on April 2. We are looking for stakeholders in the following counties to participate in the South Bend session: St. Joseph, Elkhart, Starke, Marshall, Kosciusko, Pulaski and Fulton counties.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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